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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to school district funding for at-risk pupils
2 and dropout prevention programs and including effective date
3 provisions.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 257.11, subsection 4, Code 2022, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 4. *At-risk programs and alternative schools.*

4 a. In order to provide additional funding to school
5 districts for programs serving at-risk pupils, alternative
6 program and alternative school pupils in secondary schools, and
7 pupils identified as potential dropouts or returning dropouts
8 as defined in [section 257.39](#), a supplementary weighting plan
9 for such pupils is adopted. A supplementary weighting of
10 ~~forty-eight ten-thousandths~~ per pupil as specified in paragraph
11 "b", subparagraph (1), shall be assigned to the percentage of
12 pupils in a school district enrolled in grades one through six,
13 as reported by the school district on the basic educational
14 data survey for the base year, who are eligible for free
15 and reduced price meals under the federal National School
16 Lunch Act and the federal Child Nutrition Act of 1966, 42
17 U.S.C. §1751-1785, multiplied by the budget enrollment in the
18 school district; and a supplementary weighting of ~~one hundred~~
19 ~~fifty-six one-hundred-thousandths~~ per pupil as specified in
20 paragraph "b", subparagraph (2), shall be assigned to pupils
21 included in the budget enrollment of the school district.
22 Amounts received as supplementary weighting under this
23 subsection shall be utilized by a school district to develop
24 or maintain at-risk pupils' programs, alternative programs and
25 alternative school programs, and returning dropout and dropout
26 prevention programs approved pursuant to [section 257.40](#).

27 b. (1) ~~Notwithstanding paragraph "a", a school district~~
28 ~~which received supplementary weighting for an alternative high~~
29 ~~school program for the school budget year beginning July 1,~~
30 ~~1999, shall receive an amount of supplementary weighting for~~
31 ~~the next three~~ The per pupil supplementary weighting under
32 paragraph "a" assigned to each pupil who is eligible for free
33 and reduced price meals for school budget years beginning on or
34 after July 1, 2021, is as follows:

35 ~~(1)~~ (a) For the budget year beginning July 1, ~~2000~~ 2021,

~~1 the greater of the amount of supplementary weighting determined
2 pursuant to paragraph "a", or sixty-five percent of the amount
3 received for the budget year beginning July 1, 1999 six hundred
4 forty-two one-hundred-thousandths per pupil.~~

5 ~~(2) (b) For the budget year beginning July 1, 2001 2022,
6 the greater of the amount of supplementary weighting determined
7 pursuant to paragraph "a", or forty percent of the amount
8 received for the budget year beginning July 1, 1999 seven
9 hundred five one-hundred-thousandths per pupil.~~

10 ~~(3) (c) For the budget year beginning July 1, 2002 2023,
11 and succeeding budget years, the amount of supplementary
12 weighting determined pursuant to paragraph "a" seven hundred
13 sixty-eight one-hundred-thousandths per pupil.~~

14 ~~(d) For the budget year beginning July 1, 2024,
15 and each succeeding budget year, eight hundred thirty
16 one-hundred-thousandths per pupil.~~

17 ~~(2) The per pupil supplementary weighting under paragraph
18 "a" assigned to each pupil in the budget enrollment of the
19 school district for school budget years beginning on or after
20 July 1, 2021, is as follows:~~

21 ~~(a) For the budget year beginning July 1, 2021, two hundred
22 four one-hundred-thousandths per pupil.~~

23 ~~(b) For the budget year beginning July 1, 2022, two hundred
24 twenty-four one-hundred-thousandths per pupil.~~

25 ~~(c) For the budget year beginning July 1, 2023, two hundred
26 forty-four one-hundred-thousandths per pupil.~~

27 ~~(d) For the budget year beginning July 1, 2024, two hundred
28 sixty-four one-hundred-thousandths per pupil.~~

29 ~~e. If a school district receives an amount pursuant to
30 paragraph "b" which exceeds the amount the district would
31 otherwise have received pursuant to paragraph "a", the
32 department of management shall annually determine the amount
33 of the excess that would have been state aid and the amount
34 that would have been property tax if the school district had
35 generated that amount pursuant to paragraph "a", and shall~~

1 ~~include the amounts in the state aid payments and property tax~~
2 ~~levies of school districts. The department of management shall~~
3 ~~recalculate the supplementary weighting amount received each~~
4 ~~year to reflect the amount of the reduction in funding from one~~
5 ~~budget year to the next pursuant to paragraph "b", subparagraphs~~
6 ~~(1) through (3). It is the intent of the general assembly that~~
7 ~~when weights are recalculated under this subsection, the total~~
8 ~~amounts generated by each weight shall be approximately equal.~~

9 ~~d. c.~~ Amounts that a school district receives as
10 supplementary weighting pursuant to this subsection or as a
11 modified supplemental amount received under section 257.41
12 may be used in the budget year for purposes of providing
13 district-wide, building-wide, or grade-specific at-risk and
14 dropout prevention programming targeted to pupils who are not
15 deemed at risk.

16 ~~e. d.~~ Notwithstanding paragraph ~~"d"~~ "c" and section
17 282.24, if a pupil has been determined by the school district
18 to be likely to inflict self-harm or likely to harm another
19 pupil and all of the following apply, the school district may
20 use amounts received pursuant to paragraph "a" to pay the
21 instructional costs necessary to address the pupil's behavior
22 during instructional time when those services are not otherwise
23 provided to pupils who do not require special education and the
24 costs exceed the costs of instruction of pupils in a regular
25 curriculum:

26 (1) The pupil does not require special education.

27 (2) The pupil is not in a court-ordered placement under
28 chapter 232 under the care and custody of the department of
29 human services or juvenile court services.

30 (3) The pupil is not in the state training school pursuant
31 to a court order entered under chapter 232 under the care and
32 custody of the department of human services.

33 (4) The pupil is not placed in a facility licensed under
34 chapter 135B, 135C, or 135H.

35 Sec. 2. Section 257.41, subsection 1, Code 2022, is amended

1 to read as follows:

2 1. *Budget.* The budget of an adopted program for at-risk
3 students, secondary students who attend alternative programs
4 or alternative schools, or returning dropouts and dropout
5 prevention for a school district, after subtracting funds
6 received under [section 257.11, subsection 4](#), paragraphs "a"
7 ~~through "c"~~ and "b", and from other sources for that purpose,
8 including any previous carryover or amount designated from the
9 school district's flexibility account under section 298A.2,
10 subsection 2, shall be funded annually on a basis of one-fourth
11 or more from the district cost of the school district and up to
12 three-fourths through establishment of a modified supplemental
13 amount. Annually, the department of management shall establish
14 a modified supplemental amount for each such school district
15 equal to the difference between the approved budget for the
16 program for that district and the sum of the amount funded from
17 the district cost of the school district plus funds received
18 under [section 257.11, subsection 4](#), and from other sources
19 for that purpose, including any previous carryover or amount
20 designated from the school district's flexibility account under
21 section 298A.2, subsection 2.

22 Sec. 3. Section 257.41, subsection 2, paragraph e, Code
23 2022, is amended to read as follows:

24 e. Costs incurred for programs authorized under section
25 257.11, subsection 4, paragraph ~~"d"~~ "c".

26 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate
27 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

28 EXPLANATION

29 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
30 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

31 Under Code section 257.11(4), supplementary weighting is
32 assigned to specified populations of pupils in order to provide
33 additional funding to school districts for programs serving
34 at-risk pupils, alternative program and alternative school
35 pupils in secondary schools, and pupils identified as potential

1 dropouts or returning dropouts. Separate supplementary
2 weightings are assigned to pupils enrolled in grades one
3 through six, who are eligible for free and reduced price meals
4 under the federal National School Lunch Act and the federal
5 Child Nutrition Act of 1966, and to those pupils included in
6 the school district's budget enrollment. This bill modifies
7 the supplementary weighting amounts assigned to each specified
8 group of pupils.

9 For school budget years beginning on or after July 1, 2021,
10 the bill specifies the supplementary weighting amounts for
11 pupils eligible for free and reduced price meals as follows:
12 (1) for the budget year beginning July 1, 2021, 0.00642 per
13 pupil; (2) for the budget year beginning July 1, 2022, 0.00705
14 per pupil; (3) for the budget year beginning July 1, 2023,
15 0.00768 per pupil; and (4) for the budget year beginning July
16 1, 2024, and each succeeding budget year, 0.00830 per pupil.

17 For school budget years beginning on or after July 1, 2021,
18 the bill specifies the supplementary weighting amounts for
19 pupils who are part of the school district's budget enrollment
20 as follows: (1) for the budget year beginning July 1, 2021,
21 0.00204 per pupil; (2) for the budget year beginning July 1,
22 2022, 0.00224 per pupil; (3) for the budget year beginning
23 July 1, 2023, 0.00244 per pupil; and (4) for the budget year
24 beginning July 1, 2024, and each succeeding budget year,
25 0.00264 per pupil.

26 The bill also strikes obsolete provisions and makes
27 corresponding changes to other provisions of law.

28 The bill takes effect upon enactment.